

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

None

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the Written Office Action. In particular, the Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Allowable Subject Matter.

With regard to the substantive portion of the Written Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okita et al.; Claims 2 and 3 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form; and Claims 4 and 5 are allowed.

In response to the Examining Authorities Written Office Action, the Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks. In addition, the Applicant submits that Claims 1 and 3 have been amended and Claim 2 has been canceled.

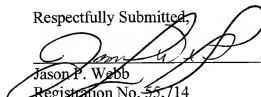
35 U.S.C. 103(a)

In response to rejected Claim 1, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 has been amended, and as amended, is patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Okita et al. The Applicant has amended Independent Claim 1 to include Allowable Subject Matter. Therefore, the Applicant submits that Independent Claim 1 and its Dependent Claim, Claim 3, are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Okita et al. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, it is believed that none of the cited art teaches the claimed invention. Furthermore, it is believed that the foregoing amendment has adequate support in the specification and drawings, and accordingly there should be no new matter. Applicant believes the pending claims have addressed each of the issues pointed out by the Examiner in the Written Office Action. In light of the foregoing amendment, the claims should be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the proposed changes, the Applicant again invites the Examiner to do so by telephone conference.

Respectfully Submitted,



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